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Please amend the second full paragraph on page 24 as follows:

In Fig. 14, still another preferred embodiment is illustrated, in which an auxiliary indicia 81 is disposed on a continuous recording sheet 82 as a recording material. Distance data Z1 between the auxiliary indicia 81 and a positioning indicia 80 is obtained for the purpose of checking acceptability of the continuous recording sheet 82. The distance data Z1, in a manner similar to the above embodiment, is obtained according to a signal detecting an edge at the indicia sensor 84, and the number of driving pulses for the stepping motor. Reference data C is predetermined. Only when the distance data Z1 is equal to the reference data C or in a predetermined tolerable range defined near to the reference data C, then the continuous recording sheet 82 is detected acceptable.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

21 (Amended) A recording material comprising:

a printing surface and a back surface;

discernment information prerecorded on said printing surface or said back surface

readably; and

wherein said recording material is judged as acceptable when said discernment information is in accordance with a reference information.

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29. (Amended) A recording material comprising:

a printing surface and a back surface;

a positioning indicia prerecorded on said printing surface or said back surface, and adapted to recording material positioning for printing;

an auxiliary indicia prerecorded on said printing surface or said back surface at a predetermined distance away from said positioning indicia in a recording material feeding direction, said predetermined distance constituting predetermined discernment information and wherein said recording material is judged as acceptable when said discernment information is in accordance with a reference information.

Please add the following new claims:

- 31. (New) A recording material according to claim 21, further comprising cutter lines to determine cutting away regions of said peripheral region from said recording material to eliminate the discernment information after printing.
- 32. (New) A recording material according to claim 21, wherein said recording material comprises a continuous sticker.
- 33. (New) A recording material according to claim 23, said recording material printing format comprises multi-frame printing wherein one common image is printed in plural regions arranged in a matrix on said recording material.

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- 34. (New) A recording material according to claim 21, wherein said recording material is continuous.
- 35. (New) A recording material according to claim 28, wherein said recording material is continuous.
- 36. (New) A recording material according to claim 29, wherein said recording material is continuous.
- 37. (New) A recording material according to claim 21, wherein said recording material is thermosensitive.